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EDUCATION FOR POOR CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have introduced any new scheme for the education of poor children in the country during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details and funds allocated for this purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) & (b): The Government have introduced a scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to pursueuniversal elementary education in a mission mode. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyanwill cover the entire country with a special focus on educational needs of girls, Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes and other childrenin difficult circumstances. This Ministry have released grants amounting to Rs. 95.61 crore to 26 States/UTs for starting preparatory activities in 214 districts.

Besides, the Centrally Sponsored Schemeof Non- FormalEducation has been revised a s Education Guarantee Scheme and Alternative & Innovative Education (EGS&AIE)The EGS&AIE is a part of the overall programme of Universalisation ofElementary Education, the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. The revised scheme has been made fully operative with effect from 1.4.2001 with three broad strategies ` setting up of schools in school-less habitations within a radius of 1 km.; interventions for mainstreaming of 'out of school' children through bridge courses, back to school camps, etc.; and strategies for very specific, difficult groups of children who cannot be mainstreamed. An allocation of Rs. 400 crore has been made for the scheme in the current financial year, 2001- 02.